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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 10 is acknowledged with appreciation. In this response, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the substance of Claim 10, and dependent Claim 10 has been cancelled. Accordingly, independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-9 and 11-12 should be in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the aspect of the invention defined in Claim 10. Accordingly, it is submitted that independent Claim 13 and dependent Claims 14-16 should be in condition for allowance.

Non-elected Claims 17-19 have been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application.

The informality in Claim 5 has been corrected.

With respect to the Section 112 rejection of Claims 8 and 9, Applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner and withdrawal of this rejection. Claim 8 defines a physical property of a preferred embodiment of the invention. The static decay property defined in Claim 8 is a property which further limits the invention defined by Claim 1. Applicant does not agree that the structure defined by Claim 1 inherently possesses the static decay properties of Claim 8. Likewise, the hydrohead and alcohol repellency properties of Claim 9 are physical properties of the nonwoven barrier laminate that further define and limit the subject matter defined in parent Claim 8. Accordingly, it is submitted that Claims 8 and 9 are proper dependent claims and should not be subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

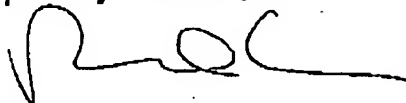
In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for immediate allowance. Reconsideration by the Examiner and formal notification of the allowability of the application are respectfully solicited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

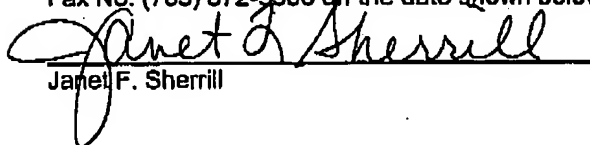


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